

Minutes of the November 12, 2015 New Jersey Bass Federation meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Mike Hart. All Board members were in attendance.

The following chapters were not in attendance: Bergen Bassmasters; Blazin Bass (excused); Essex County Bassmasters; Over the Ridge Bassmasters; and Warren County Bassmasters.

The Minutes from the August 13, 2015 Federation meeting were read by Secretary Nick Angiulo. The minutes were accepted via motion/second.

The Treasury Report was read by Treasurer Forest Honeywell. The report was accepted via motion/second.

Tournament Director Dave Frost recapped the Delaware River event and indicated that the individuals who made the State Team are posted on the website. He also stated that the Federation will need a 2016 Tournament Director since he will be moving away from the area. He thanked the members for allowing him to be the Tournament Director. Mike praised Dave for his efforts and Dave received an ovation from the floor. It was stated that anyone interested in the Tournament Director position should contact Dave or Mike.

The Show Reports were deferred until next meeting since Show Director Rich Boyko was not in attendance.

Nick read the pending motion regarding moving the point tournaments to Saturdays. Discussion regarding that motion was undertaken. The vote by roll call vote was: 3 votes yes; 9 votes no; 3 abstentions. The motion fails.

Mike indicated that the 2016 Team Tournament was scheduled for June 16 and 17 at Lake Champlain out of Ticonderoga, however, the rest of the tournament schedule has yet to be determined. In that regard, Nick stated his proposal for a three tournament point circuit for 2016 with a guaranteed first prize payout for both the Boater and Co-Angler Division. He outlined the details and discussion ensued.

Bob Gilbert made a motion to have a three tournament schedule with one being a two day event with all three counting towards the points for 2016. Nick stated he would send out that motion with additional details to all the club contacts for an e-mail vote.

Nick and Forest indicated that clubs need to register their members in the TBF system for the 2016 season by December 31 and pay the amount indicated on the invoice to Forest. That invoice will be the club's preliminary roster.

Nick indicated that final Team Tournament rosters will be due at the May 2016 meeting and any Federation member registered by that time will be eligible to fish at the Team Tournament.

Mike outlined the new TBF regional program but has not yet received further details on the program from the TBF. He stated that the program has the potential to allow many more fishermen to be eligible to fish in a TBF Regional event.

Mike stated that the February meeting will be on a Saturday in February, most likely the 13th. He stated that it will be in the early day and the Federation will provide food and refreshments. The 2015 awards will be presented that day and there will be a swap meet where members can bring tackle, etc., to sell.

A drawing for a TBF rod was held. The winner was George Hutchinson. The drawing collected \$155.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by Nick Angiulo, Secretary.